

REMARKS

The status of the claims is as follows:

Original: 2-11
Currently amended: 1, 12-14 and 19
Canceled: 15-18
New: None

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 and 19 are pending.

The sentence appearing on page 1 of the specification after the title and describing the status of the application has been updated.

The phrase "optical isomer" has been removed from claim 1 to remove the redundancy with "enantiomer or diastereomer".

The multiple dependency has been removed from claims 12-14 and 19, and use claims 15-18 have been canceled.

None of the foregoing revisions introduces new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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